

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 381 - SB 1311**

April 15, 1997

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Establishes foster parent rights within the foster care system. Issues include: 1) state support and consideration with regard to training, financial reimbursement, services of an ombudsman; 2) notification of meetings, decisions, changes, etc. regarding foster children; 3) consultation regarding placement into, out of, or back into, their home including permanent placement or adoption; 4) maintenance of their own family values and routine; 5) timely and impartial investigations of complaints, representation, due process regarding investigations, administrative review of decisions; 6) file grievances if rights violated.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$72,000**

Assumes one position and operating costs in the Department of Children's Services to act as advocate/ombudsman for foster parents and one position and operating costs to deal with complaints and grievances. According to the department, many of the requirements contained in the bill are currently in place.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Davenport".

James A. Davenport, Executive Director